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Mr. Leslie F. Hunt,
Assistant Treasurer,
The Virgin Islands Company,
Christiansted, St. Croix,
Virgin Islands, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Hunt:

I have received your communication of March 12, 1935, in which you request information concerning one Casper Holstein and advise me of the information in your possession indicating that this man is connected with the "numbers racket" in New York City. From an examination of the files in this Bureau it does not appear that there is contained therein any information concerning Casper Holstein. As you are aware, of course, the Bureau's jurisdiction does not extend to the investigation of the "numbers racket" or similar acts not in violation of Federal Statutes. I appreciate your courtesy in advising me of Casper Holstein's present whereabouts and activities.

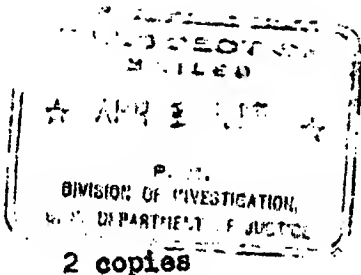
Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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THE VIRGIN ISLANDS COMPANY
CHRISTIANSTED, ST. CROIX
VIRGIN ISLANDS, U. S. A.

March 12, 1935

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Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

As a former Special Agent in your Division, and at the present time with The Virgin Islands Company at Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands of the United States, I am respectfully requesting information which your Division might have concerning one CASPER HOLSTEIN, who is connected with the "numbers" racket in New York City. *03-21*

For a bit of a background, Casper Holstein was formerly a Virgin Islander, and a number of years ago went to New York and became well established in Harlem, New York. It is my understanding that he now has quite a following of former Virgin Islanders who have left the Islands and gone to New York to live. It is also my understanding that he is one of the outstanding figures in the "numbers" racket in New York City, his name being frequently connected with [redacted] and [redacted] Holstein did not return to the Islands for over eight years until about two weeks ago, at which time I understand the numbers racket in New York was under considerable fire. Holstein is now in the Virgin Islands, and has considerable prestige with the natives here. He has committed himself in public speeches here since his return as being anti-administration, and has given the planters on the Island considerable concern on the labor question, inasmuch as in his speeches he has insisted that the natives demand higher wages from the planters who at the present time can not afford to pay such wages because of the sugar market. As a result of his speeches, the Labor Union here, knowing that they were being backed by Holstein, has caused the workers to strike, and on several occasions we have experienced small cane fires, although to date they have not caused much financial loss because the fires were immediately controlled.

I thought it might be well that your Division have this information as to the whereabouts and activities of Casper Holstein, and I would also appreciate any information which you can conveniently furnish me relative to whether or not he is listed in the States or whether he has a criminal record.

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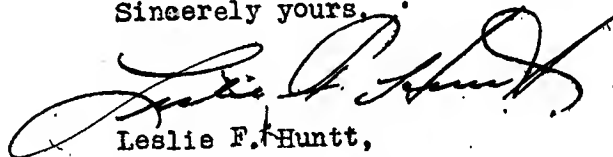
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Oftentimes I find myself reminiscing over the number of experiences I encountered while with the Division of Investigation, and wonder from time to time how all the boys are getting along. On numerous occasions in my new affiliation I find myself well backed up through the experiences I had with your Division.

I trust that you may see your way clear to give me any information that may be valuable to me in the position which I now occupy.

Please allow me to extend to you my sincere personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leslie F. Hunt".

Leslie F. Huntt,
Assistant Treasurer.